



## Athelstone Uniting Church Newsletter – 20 April 2025

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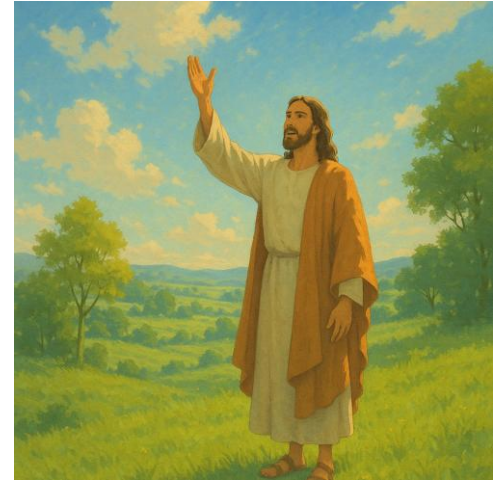
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Do Young's day off is Friday

### He Is Risen! A Message of Hope in Every Season,

Dear friends, He is not here—He has risen! What a joy it is to proclaim this good news once again this Easter. Thank you for joining us as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. For Christians around the world, there is no day more filled with joy, hope, and thanksgiving than Easter Sunday. It is the day that changed everything—the day death was defeated, and life triumphed.

Each year, we look forward to gathering on Easter morning to rejoice in the risen Christ. As we sing, pray, and reflect together, we are reminded that Jesus is not in the grave. He is alive, and His victory over death continues to shape our journey of faith. My prayer is that the risen Christ will walk beside you and guide you through every step of your life.



As we celebrate this sacred day, we also notice the changing of the seasons. The long, bright days of summer are slowly giving way to the crisp mornings and early sunsets of autumn. Winter is approaching—quiet, still, and reflective. Do you have a favourite winter memory? Perhaps a moment of warmth, laughter, or peaceful stillness? If snow ever fell in Adelaide, I imagine it would stir up childlike wonder and joy.

Yet we know that winter is not always picturesque. It is often seen as a time of barrenness, hardship, and waiting. In many ways, the season of winter can feel like the season of Lent—long, cold, and quiet. And at its deepest point, it echoes Holy Week—when the world seemed at its darkest, and the tomb was sealed. But just as winter eventually gives way to spring, so too does suffering give way to resurrection.

Recently, I came across a short piece titled “Winter: A Spiritual Season.” Although the author is unnamed, her words struck a deep chord in my heart. She is a retired teacher, a single mother, and a brain tumour survivor—someone who has known the weight of winter and the miracle of grace. She reminds us that winter is not to be feared. It is a time when life quietly gathers strength for what is to come. Though trees appear bare, and the ground seems still, beneath the surface God is preparing something new. Spring will come. And with it, renewal and growth.

She writes:

“There is a reason for every season; each is important and useful to the Lord. When the weather changes, don’t fight it. Instead, find beauty in your winter.”

I couldn’t agree more. Just as the seasons shift, so too does our spiritual life. There are seasons of joy and celebration, but also seasons of silence, sorrow, and waiting. Sometimes we find ourselves asking, “Why me?” In those moments, God gently whispers, “Be still and know that I am God.” Perhaps God is not asking us to hurry, but to rest. To trust. To wait.

Even as we celebrate Easter today, we cannot forget the long road that brought us here—through Lent, through Holy Week, through the pain of the cross. Resurrection doesn’t arrive without the winter of suffering. But every part of that journey has meaning. Every moment matters. And Christ—who is risen—meets us in every season with love and peace. So whatever season you are in right now—whether you find yourself in spring or winter, joy or sorrow—know that God is with you. And when the time is right, He will call you forward into new life. Do not be afraid. Do not be alarmed. He has gone ahead of you. With Easter blessings and peace, *Do Young*

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***Please be aware that our worship services are live streamed on ZOOM so if you are not comfortable in having your image captured then we encourage you to sit in the back row of the church in front of the creative tables***

## UPCOMING WORSHIP

### Easter Service Times

Holy Week (Mon 14 Apr – Sat 19 Apr)	6.00 – 8.00 am	Early Morning Prayer and Reflection
Maundy Thursday (17 Apr)	6.30 pm	Gather in Lower Hall to share a simple meal together and reflect on Jesus' love and service
Good Friday (18 Apr)	9.30 am	Worship Service
Easter Sunday (20 Apr)	6.30 am	Easter Dawn Service held at <b>Balmoral Reserve, Dernancourt</b> (and NOT at Thorndon Park!)  <b>** Please note this change of venue from previous newsletter**</b>
Easter Sunday (20 Apr)	9.30 am	Easter Sunday Worship Service

### Silence and Prayer in Holy Week

As we approach Holy Week 2025, we propose creating a special early morning prayer and reflection time in the auditorium. This initiative aims to provide a sacred and contemplative space for personal reflection, prayer, and spiritual renewal as we journey toward Easter.

The church doors will open from 6:00 AM, and anyone is welcome to come and participate at a time that suits us. A screen will display simple scripture passages and prayer points for the day to guide reflection and prayer. The time of prayer and reflection will be quiet yet powerful. If you have any questions, please reach out to Do Young

Date: Holy Week (Monday, April 14 – Saturday, April 19) Time: 6:00 AM – 8:00 AM.

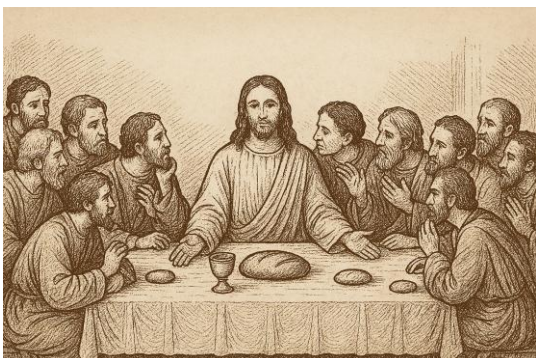
***Please note** that due to early voting, there may be changes to the availability of our main hall. While we currently plan to use the main auditorium for this time of silence and prayer, please note that the location may shift to the Lower Hall, depending on circumstances.*

### You're Invited – Easter Dawn Service

Join us for a special Easter Dawn Service, as Campbelltown UC, Dernancourt UC, and Athelstone UC come together to celebrate the risen Christ. We'll gather at **BALMORAL RESERVE, DERNANCOURT at 6:30 AM** to witness the sunrise on Easter morning—a beautiful reminder of the hope and joy of the resurrection. Everyone is welcome.

**\*\*Please note that the venue for the Dawn Service this year will be Balmoral Reserve, in Dernancourt (on Balmoral Road opposite Dernancourt Uniting Church) and NOT Thorndon Park as in previous years\*\***

### Maundy Thursday – April 17 at 6:30pm, Lower Hall.



On Maundy Thursday, we remember the night Jesus shared a final meal with His disciples. We'll gather on **Thursday, April 17 at 6:30pm in the Lower Hall** to share a simple meal together. Please bring something light to eat. As we eat, we'll reflect on Jesus' love and sacrifice. Toward the end of our meal, we'll move into a quiet time of reflection and share in Holy Communion. Come and be part of this special evening. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Do Young.

## Worship Online

If you wish to join in our online Zoom service on Sunday mornings at 9.30am, you can view the service as it is happening, using the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88191652947?pwd=M1pMZCtXY2FGOENtaGN3M3EwcVh6Zz09>

Alternatively, enter this Meeting ID: 881 9165 2947 and pass code: 7777

Services are recorded each week. To request a copy please contact the church office.

## Pastoral Care – New initiative



The Pastoral Care team have decided on a new initiative.

If you have a family member, relative or friend who has recently died we wish to light a candle at the beginning of a service to honour that person and to share in your grief.

One of the Pastoral Care team or the Worship leader will say a few sentences in memory of your loved one and light the candle, which will remain lit for the duration of the service.

For more information: Please contact a member of the Pastoral Care team

*Photo Credit: Do Young Kim.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Polling Day Barbecue and Cake stall - Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 8am – 1pm

Polling Day at our church gives us the opportunity to connect with our community and hold a Barbecue and Cake Stall to raise funds.

We are hoping our church family will be involved and are asking for volunteers to set up marquee and tables and help at the event. Help even for a brief time appreciated.

We require donations of cakes, biscuits, jams, and other produce. All goods require a list of ingredients attached.

Donations will be received at the church on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May (time to be confirmed) or by 8am on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, Thank you.

If you can help, please see Di Curtis (0419-862-606) on behalf of Church Council.

### Messy Church – May 4 - Cancelled

There will be **NO Messy Church in May** due to the hire of the premises by the Australian Electoral Commission and a lack of available volunteers later in May. The next Messy Church will be on July 20.

### Casual Social Night – Potluck Dinner

**When:** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May **Where:** Athelstone Uniting Church, Fox Avenue, Athelstone

**Time:** 6.30pm

**Cost:** No charge.

**Transport:** If required please advise Julie Goldsmith

This event is suitable for all ages, families welcome. Please bring a savoury dish OR a dessert to share. If bringing a meal that needs to be eaten hot, please bring it already heated. BYO cool drinks, coffee and tea will be provided.

We may have more desserts than savoury dishes but so be it as this is the idea of a Potluck Dinner!

An opportunity to get to know your Church Family. Any questions, please see Julie Goldsmith. Phone: 0418 811 556

## MISSIONS

### Packing Day 2025: Be excited, Be involved!

Once again, AUC will be involved in Packing Day. Packing Day is a chance for our church community to co-ordinate the packing of clothing and household items to remote northern aboriginal communities.

What you need to do:

- Save the date – Sunday June 1st and Monday June 2nd
- Start collecting clothing and household goods – we pack for tropical communities so need clothing that is suitable for this climate.
- Ask friends and family to collect suitable clothing and household items – we have been particularly short of children and men's clothing in the past.
- Collected items can be brought along to church and placed in the shed.

Please speak to Jayne Nicholas (0418836266) if you have any queries.

### Thank you from Tear Australia

Just received in the mail our usual Tear Fund certificate confirming the final amount we raised at Christmas time. I have also included an interesting note from the new Tear CEO - **Bec Oates**, originally from **Athelstone**!

She is an amazing lady, having literally given up her family's traditional Aussie dream for a life committed to the poorest people in the world.

Her story is here. DO NOT READ IT unless you wish to be disturbed by the utter commitment of a Western Christian family - it certainly made me think.

This link is safe. Cut-and paste it into your web browser.

<https://www.eternitynews.com.au/world/the-woman-who-inspired-me-to-give-away-everything>

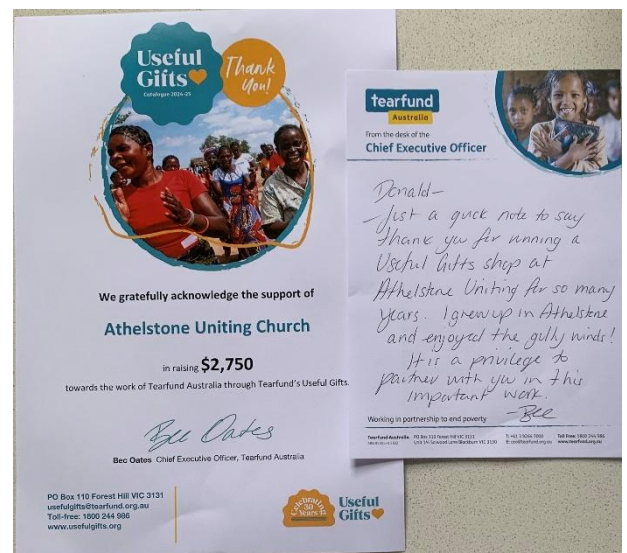
*'The love of Christ becomes even more beautiful not when it stays within us, but when it flows out into the world'* (Do Young Kim).

*Don Brown*

## Missions

Here are some of our other ongoing mission projects at Athelstone UC:

Sally Stamp	Bring stamps to the office or giving table to help with this ministry.
Uniting Communities	Please keep bringing in your donations and let us fill the giving table



## CONNECT GROUPS

### Wirra – Watch and Wonder

Oh, how we all enjoyed that last rain! A new season, parnati/ autumn, is bringing changes. Check out the display board at the back of the church and learn about Kaurna families and how they prepared for the colder weather to come. We have been picking up waardlawarnka, fallen tree branches and bark to reduce the heavy “mulch” and it is how our wardli/hut was created. It has become a favourite play spot for families.

*Joy and Bruce Stewart*

### Mini c's

Mini c's try out yet another new place for coffee, cakes optional!

Chaps Chatting over Coffee.

### Connect Groups

At Athelstone Uniting Church, we encourage everyone to find ways to find connections within our church community. Here are some of the Connect Groups you might consider joining.

Connect Group	When/Where	Contact
Book Club	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues of the month at 9.30am, Indigo Espresso Cafe.	Office
Sunday Nights	6 pm. Venues vary each week.	Melissa O'Hara
Threads	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues of the month, 2-4 pm, Indigo Espresso Café	Office
Triple Cs – Men's Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed of the month at 10.30 am. Venues vary.	Ray Walter
TOFs Fellowship Group	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues of the month. 2 – 4pm. Venues vary.	Sheralyn Robertson

## NOTICES FOR MEMBERS

### Good Time Jazz Concert - 08 May at Athelstone UC

Note your diaries for this not to be missed concert at 10:30am on Thursday 08 May, at Athelstone Uniting!

Come and enjoy this relaxing light-hearted concert featuring the great skill of professional musicians Brenton and Paul. A delicious morning tea will be served. Buy your \$5 raffle ticket for a chance to win one of several attractive prizes. Tickets at the low cost of \$20 must be pre-purchased to assist with catering planning.

Please see/contact Jayne Nicholas (0418 836 266) or Sylvia Maywald (0408 810 507) to purchase your tickets.

All funds raised will support the charity fundraising efforts of the **Inner Wheel Club of Tea Tree Gully** and will be donated to the HAS Foundation and other Inner Wheel Charities.

### 2025 National Festival of Male Choirs

Lynton, Dave & Shelley are performing in the National Festival of Male Choirs Gala Concert and invite you to share in this music experience which promises to be fantastic!

Tickets via: <https://premier.ticketek.com.au/Shows/Show.aspx?sh=MCHOIR25>



NOTE: some of our congregation would really appreciate travel assistance to attend.

<b>Sunday 25 May 2:00pm</b>	<b>2025 National Festival of Male Choirs Gala Concert</b>  Over 350 Singers from Across Australia Performing Choral Favourites — Showtunes, Popular, Folk, Classical and Sacred pieces, with a 50-piece Orchestra. <b>A truly spectacular celebration of music!</b>	<b>Adelaide Entertainment Centre Theatre</b>  <b>Hindmarsh SA</b>
<b>Tickets \$45/\$55 Ticketek.com.au On Sale Now!</b>		

## Prayer Requests

Can we support you in prayer? Here is how:

Prayer Chain - send an email to, or call Brenton Summers, who will pass your prayer request on to a group of people who faithfully pray in response to Prayer Chain emails.

Confidential Prayers - If the issue is more personal, you are invited to contact Rev Do Young Kim for individual prayer or one the members of the Pastoral Care Oversight team (Lee O'Connell, Brenton Summers, Ann Brown and Bob Stevenson). All prayer requests going to the team will be kept strictly confidential within this team.

Prayers for Others (Sunday Worship) - If you have something you would like to be included, please let Brenton Summers know. "We are all called to pray for one another, and so we are all encouraged to offer to pray for, or with others, especially if they share a concern with you." (James 5:13-16).

## Offering

Why do we give? We give to support the ministry and mission of the Church. We give in response to all that God has done for us. Giving is an act of worship.

How much do we give? We give, as we are able. Pray for wisdom on how generously you are called to give. "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV)

How do we give? Regular electronic giving and one-off donations can be made using the following details: Account name: Athelstone Uniting Church Account BSB: 704 095 Account number: 110043.

Application forms for setting up regular e giving through UC e-give are available at <https://ucinvest.com.au/forms-and-information#page=page-1>. Cash Offerings are received on Sunday mornings in the Offering Box on the Giving Table. Contact Glen Luestner for more information.

## WIDER CHURCH

### Wider Church News & Useful Links

Uniting Church in Australia: <https://uniting.church/>

Uniting Church in South Australia: <https://sa.uca.org.au/>

To receive SA UC E-News personally, subscribe at <https://sa.uca.org.au/uc-e-news/>

The New Times is available online at <https://sa.uca.org.au/new-times/new-times-print-edition/>

Wimala Presbytery website: <https://wimala.ucasa.org.au/>

Frontier News: <https://frontierservices.org/news-media/our-resources/frontier-news/>

Worship at Home self-guided resource: <https://sa.uca.org.au/worship-at-home/>

## CHURCH BUILDING BOOKINGS

### Australian Electoral Commission – Upcoming Church Use

The Australian Electoral Commission will be using the Auditorium, Kitchen and Amenities between the 14th April and the 9th May. We will not have full access to these areas during this time (with the exception of Good Friday & Sunday Worship Services). We can access the lower hall and offices but please minimise any drop-ins during this time, especially during pre-polling hours, if you at all can. They will also be using our trestle tables, some chairs and other items. *\*Note that an alternative venue for our Calisthenics hirer has been arranged in the interim.*

### Church Building Booking Calendar

Special Event or changes/additions to regular bookings or location are highlighted in **bold**.

Day	Time	Location	Hirer/User
<b>Monday 14 April – Friday 6 May</b>	All day	<b>Auditorium, Kitchen &amp; Amenities</b>	<b>Australian Electoral Commission</b>
<b>Wednesday 23 April</b>	<b>7.00 -9.00 pm</b>	<b>Meeting Room</b>	<b>Church Council Meeting</b>
Mon, Wed, Fri	9.00 – 3.00 pm	Top Hall	Australian General Practice Network

*Athelstone Uniting Church acknowledges the Kurna people whom God placed as the traditional custodians of the country on which our church stands. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land*

# WORSHIP ROSTER

2025		Fri 18 Apr	Sun 20 Apr	Sun 27 Apr
Preaching & Liturgy	Worship Leader	Do Young Kim	Lynton Nicholas	Di Curtis
	Preacher	Do Young Kim	Do Young Kim	Do Young Kim
	Pray with Preacher	-	Lee O' Connell	Glen Luestner
	Notices	-	Brenton Summers	Sylvia Maywald
	Bible Reader	Eric Hurrell	Friederike Ashby-Weiss	David Walker
Music Team	Piano / Keyboard	Celine Leslie	Shelley Walker	Shelley Walker
	Singers	-	Friederike Ashby-Weiss	Janet Luestner
		-	Eric Hurrell	Lynton Nicholas
		-	Sylvia Maywald	Allan Amber
	Guitar	-	Chris Pritchard	Chris Pritchard
	Bass / 2nd Guitar	-	Scott Tilley	Scott Tilley
	Drums / Percussion	-	-	Glen Luestner
Technical	Sound Desk	Noel Maywald	Noel Maywald	Noel Maywald
	Data Operator	David Walker	David Walker	David Walker
	Zoom Production			
Engagement	Flowers		Carole Walter	Di Curtis
	Door Greeters	Dana Lim	Ray Walter	Jayne Nicholas
		Hayeon Kim	Carole Walter	Lynton Nicholas
Administration	Building Steward	Noel Maywald	Eric Hurrell	Noel Maywald
	Chair Stewards	Sharon Tilley	Brenton Summers	Glen Luestner
		Scott Tilley	Bob Stevenson	Janet Luestner
	Tick and Flick	Lee O'Connell	Brenton Summers	Trevor Curtis
	Count Offering	-	Bob Stevenson	Glen Luestner
		-	Ray Walter	Friederike Ashby-Weiss



If you cannot take your turn, please swap with someone, or if late notice contact the worship leader or Rev Do Young Kim for that service as appropriate. Thank you.

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Newsletter Items: Please submit to the office by Wednesdays at 5 pm for next newsletter.